



PARENT AND GUARDIAN ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH
PROCLAMATION

Every year, organizations reflect on the important role parents, guardians, and caregivers play in the education and training of their children that support student success. Although typically recognized in November, the New Year provides us an opportunity to celebrate and honor our parents and guardians, including grandparents, elders, foster parents, extended family, older siblings, and other caring adults, who are a significant part of a student’s education and make a difference in the lives of children.

WHEREAS from infancy, parents and guardians play a vital role in their child’s education as their first educator; and

WHEREAS parents and guardians have the primary responsibility for the education, nurturing, safety, and well-being of their children, as well as to teach them to respect others and themselves; and

WHEREAS parents and guardians serve as volunteers in our schools as reading buddies, classroom helpers, and in a multitude of other ways, all of which benefit many children; and

WHEREAS education is comprised of a range of activities by which parents, guardians, and communities teach empathy, values, knowledge, and skills necessary to become effective members in a community that helps one another; and

WHEREAS our schools prosper with cooperation and collaborative support of all parents, guardians, and caregivers when we work together for proactive solutions in multiple areas, including student academic performance, behaviors, and expectations; and

WHEREAS students, families, and everyone in our schools shall be afforded equity, dignity, and respect so all students have a safe and welcoming environment for learning; and

WHEREAS we encourage and are committed to supporting all parents and guardians to be informed and active participants in their children’s education; and in keeping with that goal, we provide opportunities for engagement and communication, including community forums and learning sessions in which parents and guardians may participate, and communication tools to ensure parents and guardians have information vital to their children’s education; and

WHEREAS the parent (guardian)/child relationship shall be respected and supported by teachers, counselors, administrators, and school board members;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Salem-Keizer Public Schools Board of Directors proclaims the month of January as Parent and Guardian Engagement in Education Month. As board members, we are committed to working with all parents and guardians, families, and community in collaborative partnership as supportive adults to help our children grow in knowledge and understanding and reach their full potential. Working together we are best able to provide access, opportunity, and support for all students and strengthen their overall well-being. Let us join together in helping all students graduate, prepared for a successful life.

Osvaldo F. Avila, Chairperson
Salem-Keizer Public Schools Board of Directors

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